

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-20, 22-25, 27-40, 42, and 44-47 were pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-17, 24, and 28 are allowed, and claims 38-40 are indicated to be allowable subject to objection. Claims 18-20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29-37, 42, and 44-47 are rejected.

Allowed dependent claims 24 and 28 have been rewritten as independent claims, including all of the limitations of the independent and intervening dependent claims from which they originally depended. Claims 19, 20 and 22 have been amended so as to depend from newly independent claim 24, while claim 29 has been amended so as to depend from newly independent claim 28. Allowed dependent claim 38 has been rewritten as an independent claim, including all of the limitations of the independent and intervening dependent claims from which it originally depended. Claims 18, 27, 30-37, 42, and 44-47 are now cancelled.

Since claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-17, 24 (and therefore claims 19, 20 and 22 which now depend from claim 24), 28 (and therefore claim 29 which now depends from claim 28), and 38-40 are allowable, as indicated by the examiner, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. (Holmes – Since the three-month deadline for filing a response expired on September 2, 2008, please include a petition for a one-month extension of time.) Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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